THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No such decision regarding formulation of a policy to allow adult content to be shown on TV late at night has been taken. Programmes transmitted and retransmitted through Cable Service Network are required to adhere to Rule 6(1)(0) of the Programme Code which prescribes that no programme should be carried in the cable service which is not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition.

Licences for FM Radio stations in Kerala

808. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have been issued for private sector in Kerala to start FM Radio stations and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study on the matter of broadcasting news by these private channels and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to allow the FM channels to broadcast news and current affairs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal is pending with Government to allow further FM stations in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) 17 Letters of Intent have been issued for establishment of 17 Private FM radio stations in Kerala as follows:

City	No. of channels
Cochin	3
Kannur	4
Thiruvanthapuram	4
Thrissur	4
Kozhikod	2
TOTAL:	17

(b) and (c) As per present FM (Phase-ll) Policy, no news and current affairs is allowed in private FM channels.

(d) No, Sir.

Industry Status to Cable Industry

809. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to confer industry status to cable industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Small Scale Industries has already recognized the installation and operation of cable TV networks as Small Scale Service and Business (Industry Related) Enterprises (SSSBEs).

(c) Does not arise.

Status of second phase of FM radio in Andhra Pradesh

810. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the second phase of FM Radio;

(b) the number of additional frequencies likely to be allotted, State-wise, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to include all parts of the country in any one of the FM channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the second phase of FM Radio is likely to be broadcast?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The bidding of frequencies for Phase-ll of FM radio broadcasting has been conducted between 6.1.06 to 3.2.06. Out of 337 channels across 91 cities in the country put on bidding, 280 channels have been successfully bid. The State-wise details showing number of frequencies offered and successfully bid in the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh, are at Statement enclosed (See below).